facing worse situation than Maharashtra. But still we don't get even a single figure about something happening in those States.

तो वह न चले और इसलिए इस पर ध्यान देना होगा।

Introduction of new Trains

*162. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:†

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 57 new trains proposed to be introduced during the current financial year have been introduced; and

(b) if so, how many and which of them have been introduced and which ones are still to be introduced and the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) No, sir.

(b) The train services announced in Railway Budget are introduced during the course of the ensuing financial year. The train services of Railway Budget 2006-07, which have been introduced and the train services which are to be introduced alongwith the reasons for delay are given below.

Budget 2006-07 train introduced so far

Sl.	Train No.	Train Name
1	2	3
1	3153A/3154A	Radhikapur-Sealdah Link Express with 3453/3454 Gour Express (daily)
2	2695/2696	Chennai-Tiruvananthapuram Express (daily)
3	219/220	Mailani-Palia Kalan Passenger (MG) (daily)
4	MA-1/MA-2	Mathura-Alwar Passenger (Daily)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
5	7JN/8JN	Jallandhar City-Nakodar Diesel Multiple Units (daily)
6	4207/4208	Delhi-Raibareli Express (tri-weekly)
7	1449/1450	Jabalpur-Jammu Tawi Express (weekly)
8	8509/8510	Visakhapatnam-Nizamabad Express (bi-weekly)
9	2869/2870	Howrah-Mumbai Express (weekly)
10	8415/8416/ 8417/8418	Howrah-Puri Express (bi-weekly)
11	2855/2856	Nagpur-Raipur Intercity Express (daily)
12	483/484	Bankura-Ranchi (Hatia) Passenger via Purulia
13	5715/5716	Kishanganj-Ajmer Garib Nawaj Express (weekly)
14	5BA/6BA	Asansol-Bokaro (Main line Electric Multiple Unit)
15	9323/9324	Indore-Bhopal Intercity Express (daily)
16	6531/6532	Yeswantpur-Ajmer Garib Nawaj Express (weekly)
17	209/210	Machilipatnam-Tirupati Fast Passenger (tri-weekly)
18	5281/5282	Saharsa-Patna Kosi Express (daily)
19	211/212	Gudur-Tirupati Passenger (daily)
20	2103/2104	Pune-Lucknow Express (weekly)
21	2851/2852	Chennai-Bilaspur Express (weekly)
22	2203/2204	Saharsa-Amritsar Garib Rath (bi-weekly)
23	9269/9270	Motihari-Porbander Express (weekly)
24	2667/2668	Chennai Egmore-Nagercoil Express (weekly)
25	2681/2682	Chennai-Coimbatore Express (weekly)
26	2685/2686	Chennai-Magalore Express (tri-weekly)
27	2697/2698	Chennai-Tiruvananthapuram Express (weekly)

1	2	3
28	6315/6316	Bangalore-Ernakulam (Kochuveli) Express (weekly)
29	6733/6734	Madurai-Tirupati-Manmad Express (weekly)
30	483/484	Hajipur-Sonpur-Chhapra-Siwan-Thawe Passenger (daily)
31	2889/2890	Tatanagar-Yesvantpur Express (weekly)
32	2553/2554	Delhi (Nizamuddin)-Patna-Rajendranagar Garib Rath (tri-weekly)
33	8205/8206	Durg-Gorakhpur Excpress via Faizabad (weekly)
34	5279/5280	Delh (New Azadpur)-Saharsa Poorabiya Express via Lucknow (weekly)
35	551/552	Nanded-Adilabad Passenger (daily)
36	1067A/1068A	Rae Bareli-Pratapgarh-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Link Express (bi-weekly)
37	2897/2898	Bhubaneswar-Pondicherry Express (weekly)
38	3155/3156	Darbhanga-Kolkata (Chitpur) Mithilanchal Express (bi-weekly)
39	5277/5278	Bangalore-Darbhanga Express via Chennai, Patna (weekly)
40	5609A/5610A	Link Express between Darbhanga and Guwahati with 56409/5610 Avadh-Assam Express (daily)
41	3157/3158	Muzaffarpur-Kolkata (Chitpur) Tirhut Express (weekly)
41	4601/4602	Sonpur-Chhapra-Jammu Tawi Mour Dhwaj Express (weekly)
43	2611/2612	Delhi (Nizamuddin)-Chennai Garib Rath (weekly)
44	2909/2910	Delhi-(Nizamuddin)-Mumbai (Bandra) Garib Rath (tri-weekly)

1	2	3
45	2943/2944	Valsad-Udhna (Surat)-Kanpur Udyogkarmi Express (weekly)
46	2947/2948	Ahmedabad-Patna Azimabad Express (weekly)
47	9051/9052	Valsad-Udhna (Surat)-Chhapra-Sonpur Shramik Express (weekly)
48	9781/9782	Jaipur-Amritsar Express (bi-weekly)
49	4321/4322	Bhuj-Bareilly Express (tri-weekly)
50	553/554	Purna-Adilabad Passenger (weekly)

Budget 2006-07 trains yet to be introduced

Sl.	Train No.	Train name	Reasons for Delay
1.	7609/7610	Purna-Nanded-Patna Express (weekly)	Delayed for completion of Gauge conversion and sanction of Commissioner of Railway Safety. Will be introduced on 16.3.2007
2.	8631/8632	Ajmer-Ranchi Garib Nawaj Express via Varansai (weekly)	Will be introduced by 14.3.2007
3.	2891/2892	Bhubaneswar-Baripada Express (tri-weekly)	Development of reversal facility at Baripada.
4.	755/756	Madurai-Rameswaram Passenger (daily)	Completion of gauge conversion between Manamadurai-Rameshwaram & sanction of Commissioner of Railway Safety.
5.		Ajmer-Udaipur City Express	Completion of gauge conversion of Chittarugarh-Ajmer section.
6.		Kumarghat-Agartala (daily)	Completion of contruction work of new line.
7.	3159/3160	Joghbani-Kolkata Express (tri-weekly)	Completion of Gauge covnersion works.

श्री कृष्ण लाल बाल्मीकि: सभापति महोदय, सभा पटल पर रखी गई जानकारी से मैं संतुष्ट नहीं हूं, इसलिए मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या यह सही है कि राजस्थान सरकार ने भी नई रेल सेवा शुरू करने के लिए कुछ प्रस्ताव दिए हैं, उन प्रस्तावों का विवरण क्या है? नई रेल सेवा शुरू करने के मापदंड क्या हैं और किस आधार पर राजस्थान से प्राप्त प्रस्तावों को स्वीकार नहीं किया गया?

SHRI R. VELU: Mr. Chairman, Sir, there is a procedure for introduction of trains in the country. There is the DRUCC, that is, the divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee and, then, there is the Zonal Railway users' Committee. All the demands made by Members of Parliament and MLAs are pooled together. At the Zonal Committee level they are processed with reference to demand, operational feasibility, resources available, and sent to the national level. At the national level we convene one meeting every year where it fixes the time table in which we indicate the trains which can be introduced in a State. so, that is how we do it. It is not that straightaway we introduce the trains because somebody demands it. We go into the operational feasibility also.

SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Sir. I appreciate the Railway Ministry for not hiking the sleeper class fares. The real fact is that they have increased the *Tatkal* coaches, but they are charging Rs. 150/- more than the fares for the sleeper classes. We have come to know that they are forcing the poor people to go in for *Tatkal* coaches and pay extra Rs. 150/- so as to compensate that. They have limited and restricted the sleeper class coaches, but increased the *Tatkal* coaches. so, indirectly, the poor people are forced to pay more money and choose *Tatkal* coaches. I do not mind increasing the *Tatkal* coaches, but the sleeper class coaches should not be restricted. I would like to have some information on this.

SHRI R. VELU: Mr. Chairman, Sir, though it is not related to this question, I would answer it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If it is not related to the question, why do you want to answer it?

SHRI R. VELU: I will say it in one word. ..*(Interruptions)*...This *tatkal* scheme is there to facilitate those people who undertake the journey in an emergency situation. That is why, we charge more than what we charge for others.

SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Sir, in part (b), the hon. Minister has mentioned this. "This train services announced in the Railway Budget are introduced during the course of the ensuring financial year." I have seen from his answer that out of 57 trains, 50 trains have been introduced, and seven are yet to be introduced. Out of these seven, Ajmer-Ranchi Garib Nawaj Express, on second number, will be introduced by 14.3.2007. But what about other trains. I would like to know whether they would be introduced within the financial year. If not, what is the target time for the rest of the trains to be introduced? Specially, I want to know about the Kumarghat-Agartala train. When will it be introduced?

SHRI R. VELU: Sir, Out of seven, we may be able to put three of them inoperation before 31.3.2007. Normally, Sir, the trains announced in the Budget are to be introduced before the close of the financial year. So, out of seven, three will be introduced. The Hon. Member wanted to know, specially, about the Agartala - Kumarghat train. From Kumarghat - Manu, we are already operating on 20 kilometres . But Manu-Agartala is a tunnel section where the profile of the rock is very difficult. The leading and benching and further processing which we do there in tunnel is taking time. So, perhaps, both with the availability of resources and focussed application of work there, we may be able to achieve it by 31.12.2007.

Vigilance Committees for monitoring of FPSs

*163. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any information regarding the formation of Vigilance Committees at State/UTs, district and block levels for implementation and monitoring of the functioning of Fair Price Shops; and

(b) if so, the status of formation of these Committees at all levels?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has been requesting the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to activate Vigilance